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The International Secretariat of OMCT has received new information on the following situation in **East Timor.**

Brief reminder of the situation:

The International Secretariat was informed, by reliable sources of the grave concerns for the physical and psychological integrity of four East Timorese persons.

According to the information received, **Moises Lobato Pereira** (29) from Kampung Baru, **Sebastiao Pereira** (29) from Lavateri, sub-district of Baguia, son of Sico Resi and Tufu Onu, **Sidonio Ximenes** (35) from Lavateri, sub-district of Baguia, and **Domingas da Costa** (23, female) from Kampung Samaguia, Tequinomata, sub-district of Laga, daughter of Augusto Cabral and Augustinha Batista were arrested on 4 April 1997. Members of their families attempted to visit the detainees at the "Red House" but were informed that the four had been taken to Dili. Their current whereabouts were unknown. Under the circumstances OMCT can only fear for the physical and psychological integrity of the four persons.

New Information:

According to the new information received, **Moises Lobato Pereira, Sebastiao Pereira** and **Domingas da Costa** have been released, but it is feared that **Sidonio Ximenes** may still be in detention.

It is believed that following their arrest, all four were detained at Kopussus headquarters in Baucau (also known as the "Red House"). The information alleges that they were striped of their clothing and severely tortured during the interrogation.

The International Secretariat fears that if **Sidonio Xemenes** is still being detained at the Red House, given the circumstances of his detention there are grave concerns for his physical and psychological integrity.

Action requested:

Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to:

i. take all necessary measures to guarantee the physical and psychological integrity of **Sidonio Xemenes** including providing appropriate medical treatment, and access to family and independent legal representation;

ii. order his immediate release in the absence of valid charges or if such charges do exit, bring him before a competent and impartial civil tribunal and guarantee his procedural rights at all times;

iii. carry out an impartial and thorough investigation into the illegal detention, presumed forced disappearance, and all other violations including the practice of torture, identify those responsible and impose upon them civil, penal, and/or administrative sanctions provided by law.

iv. ensure in all circumstances the full respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national and internal standards.

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Geneva, 15 July 1997

Kindly inform us of any action undertaken quoting the code of this appeal.